

City of Menomonie
Urban Forestry Board January 18, 2006

Members Present: Alta Vasey Morgan, John Anshus, Del Vollrath, Sally Schendel
Others Present: Randy Eide, Bruce Heath, Dick Henning, John Johnson
Absent: Chuck Klos, Joe Jax, Marty Havlovic, Bob Giede, Sandy White

Alta Vasey Morgan called the meeting to order. Volunteer hours were circulated.
Del Vollrath, new board member was introduced to the board.

John Anshus moved to approve the minutes with the amendment to the October minutes to approve Dick Henning's membership dues and workshop expenses for ISA (International Society of Arboriculture). Sally Schendel seconded. Approved.

Items to Add to the Agenda: Mabel Tainter parking lot.

Correspondence: John Johnson discussed software for his new computer. John Anshus moved to research the upgrade in software as an Urban Forestry grant proposal for 2007. Del Vollrath seconded. Approved.

Memorial Tree: The tree will be ready for the March 15th meeting. John Anshus has engraved the leaves. Alta will check on a suitable protective lacquer for the leaves.

Lakebank Nature Trail: Randy Eide reported that the DNR has approved riprap for the shoreline. They have about 200 feet done. Cellular One donated \$7210. Other donations total \$2975. The labor is being done by the city crew. Equipment rental is \$2400/month. Chris Zarbock is working on benches as an Eagle Scout project.

Mabel Tainter parking lot: Randy Eide presented the proposed drawing. The Urban Forestry Board urges the planners to include some green space.

2006 Goals: Goals 1 and 2, which concern boulevard trees in the private sector and loss of tree canopy from trees cut down for developments, will be combined in the grant proposal. Goal 3, tree legislation, was complimented by DNR contact, Cindy Casey. She was impressed with ordinance changes in Menomonie regarding the sliding date of cutting and trimming oaks, the tightening up of landscaping with more trees added and the Arbor Day program. The Tree City USA application has been submitted. Bruce Heath reported that Goal 4, Heritage Tree Program, will be presented at the Menomonie Public Library at 9:00 A.M. on March 15th to the Northwest Regional DNR Forestry Network meeting. The Menomonie Womans Club will serve refreshments.

2006 Budget: Randy Eide distributed the budget update. The budget for 2006 is \$24,000.

Urban Forester's Report: John Johnson reported that inspections will begin in May. The crew is doing trimming in Zone 5, west of Broadway. They are 75% complete. He showed the new jackets the men wear when working. St. Croix Tree Service is removing 35 trees due to Dutch Elm Disease. They will be replaced with Regal Elm trees, which will be ordered when comparative pricing is done.

John Anshus moved that the board provide funds for Alta Vasey Morgan to attend the Winter Gardening Seminar in Eau Claire on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Sally Schendel seconded. Approved.

City Council Report: Randy Eide reported that the council did the final assessment on summer projects. There was an annexation of 134 acres of land off Dairyland Road.

Adjournment: John Anshus moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Heath seconded. Approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 15 at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Sally Schendel, Recorder

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